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1. EXECUTIVE ORGAN OF NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), EVIDENTLY RESPONDING TO RECENT STATEMENTS BY REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) ON CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUING COALITION (ERFTEL AND PREVIOUS), ANNOUNCED ON MAY 21 THAT FURTHER BARGAINING BETWEEN TWO PARTIES IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. HOWEVER, NSP TEMPERED THIS STATEMENT BY EMPHASIZING THAT IT WOULD EXERT MAXIMUM EFFORTS FOR PREVENTION OF A GOVERNMENT CRISIS.

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2. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, MEANWHILE, THAT PRIMIN ECEVIT IS PREPARING LEGISLATION TO OVERCOME GOVERNMENT'S RECENT DEFEAT ON AMNESTY FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING COMMUNIST ACTIVITY. THE BE CALLED "BILL ON FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND BELIEF", THIS MEASURE REPORTEDLY WILL AMEND PENAL CODE TO ABOLISH ARTICLES PROHIBITING BOTH COMMUNIST AND RELIGIOUS-POLITICAL ACTIVITIES(ALTHOUGH USE OF FORCE TO IMPOSE IDEAS ON OTHERS WOULD BE PUNISHED). CONCEIVABLY ECEVIT WILL MAKE NSP ACCEPTANCE OF THIS MEASURE ONE OF CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUING COALITION. AND SINCE IT INCLUDES SOMETHING FOR BOTH RIGHT AND LEFT, IT MIGHT GAIN UNIFIED COALITION ENDORSEMENT.

3. MEETING OF NSP PROVINCIAL LEADERS WILL BE HELD AT BURSA MAY 26 TO DISCUSS GOVERNMENT'S SITUATION.

4. COMMENT: NSP'S ANNOUNCEMENT NOTWITHSTANDING, TWO PARTIES IN OUR VIEW HAVE ENTERED INTO A BARGAINING SITUATION. WE BELIEVE IT INCREASINGLY LIKELY THAT COALITION WILL STAY TOGETHER AT LEAST UNTIL PASSAGE OF BUDGET TOWARD END OF MAY.
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